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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I write you to make you aware of my support for the recent settlement regarding Microsoft and the Department of Justice. I was happy to hear that the case had been settled. We need to let this settlement move forward and let our technology industry continue to provide us with the high quality products that help small businesses to compete.

Furthermore, this settlement seems to be quite reasonable. The terms not only allow other software manufacturers to have access to various Windows interfaces, but allow other companies to access new licensing and marketing terms. All of this will promote the use of non-Microsoft programs within the Windows operating system.

As a small business owner involved in electric utility consulting, I strongly value Microsoft's place in our economy. Since I am pro-competition, I see Microsoft actions inviting more competition to the IT industry. This was the original goal in the anti-trust suit, and now we that we have achieved this goal we should forward.

Sincerely,

Ben Claassen